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Dear Miss Estlin:

As I believe you receive the Woman's Journal regularly, and are thoroughly posted in regard to the Woman's Rights movement in this country, you will need no special introduction (as to an entire stranger) to the bearer of this, Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. She has deservedly won a national reputation for her intellectual ability, her admirably self-poised character, her impressive and rare eloquence as a public speaker, (being among the most popular lecturers in the land,) her earnest efforts for the education, elevation and enfranchisement of her sex, and her active humanity in procuring succor for the sick, wounded and dying soldiers during the war of the rebellion.

Somewhat worn by the multiplicity of her lecturing engagements, just completed, she needs both rest and recreation, which she proposes to find on your side of the Atlantic. She will therefore embark from this port on Saturday for Liverpool, accompanied by her husband, who is one with her in sentiment and co-operation. They will make a summer excursion of it, and probably spend a large portion of their time on the Continent; yet I trust they will be able to see something of England and Scotland, and thus to get acquainted with some of your earnest workers in the cause of moral purity, ^{impartial} suffrage, temperance, peace, and true religious catholicity. I am very desirous that Mrs. Livermore (if her health will permit) should find opportunity to address social drawing-room circles or public audiences on themes as applicable to your side of the Atlantic as to ours. She cannot fail to instruct and delight.

Your kindness to American visitors is never failing; and in this case I am sure it will be exercised with special satisfaction. I shall deeply regret if it shall so happen that you and Mr. and Mrs. Livermore shall fail to see each other.

On the 16th of May, Fanny, with her husband and children, will sail from New York for Liverpool in the White Star Line steamship Baltic, to be gone until October. They will stop a day or two at Manchester, then proceed to London, and subsequently go to Frankfurt-on-the-Main. I find it hard to remain behind.

I bear you in constant remembrance. The memory of your honored and deeply lamented father will ever be precious to me.

With warm and grateful regards to all the Bristol friends and co-workers, I remain,

Yours, by the strongest ties of friendship,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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